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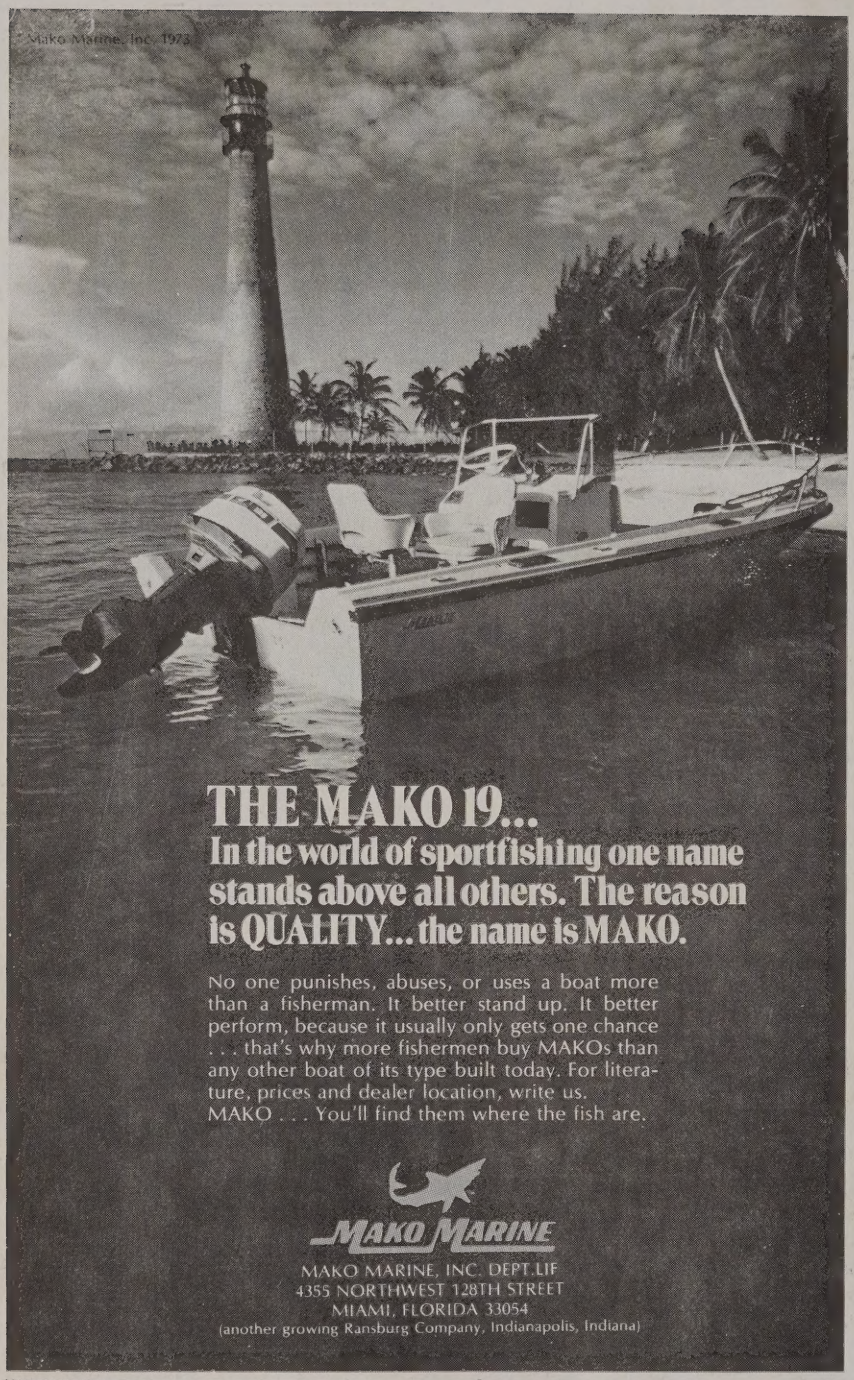
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Don't you think that some penalty of precedence should have been set in the event of another such occurance?

What do your readers think?

Glenn Brunhard, President,
Garden Spot Rod & Gun Club
Brooklyn, N.Y.

*If you are asking for an opinion as to whether the presiding judge acted properly, both legally and morally, in this matter, I cannot say, since I am unfamiliar with the facts of the situation, except as described in two newspaper accounts and your letter.*

*It appears, though, that many recent judicial decisions have been more in the direction of leniency and understanding toward the criminal rather than toward the victim, and it is possible that this may be one of those cases.*

*If the conditions described in the accounts of the alleged "piracy" were, indeed, the true circumstances, I would have given these young "men" the most severe sentence allowable under the law, not because of precedence in case of future violations of this sort, but because the law had been violated, and offenders must be punished if we are to maintain order. Our jails surely lack many positive functions, but at least they prevent criminals, for the period of their incarceration, from the period of acts against other innocent victims.*

## ARE SHARKS FISH?

I have just finished reading the article, The Shark, by Bill Bornsheur in the Sept. 6th issue. Bill refers to the shark as a fish. This is incorrect. Fish have a solid back bone and are therefore vertebrates. The shark, as Bill points out, has a cartilage "skeleton," making him separate from the vertebrates.

Please publish this letter for all the

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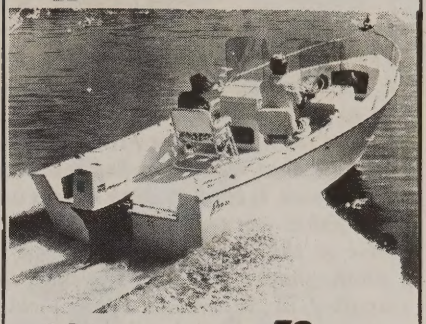

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introductory Biology majors who have been reading your fine paper. It might save them a point or two on a test.

Mark Gross
Port Jefferson, N.Y.

*I hope you didn't place any large bets on this problem in taxonomy, Mark, but to respond to your letter, and to some of the staff of the Fisherman, let me state that Bill Bornsheur, a local n'er-do-well, is correct: both sharks and bony fishes are true fishes. How do I arrive at this conclusion? Read on!*

*Both sharks and bony fishes are classified in Superclass Pisces, which includes class Agnatha (lampreys and hagfishes), class Chondrichthyes (sharks, skates, rays) and class Osteichthyes (bony fishes). Although there are a number of significant differences between these three classes of Subphylum Vertebrata, let's begin by looking at the similarities between the last two classes.*

*First of all, they both belong to Phylum Chordata, which includes all organisms having a notochord, a hollow dorsal nerve cord, and paired gill slits. The presence of these three structures can be either at some point during development, or during the entire life of the organism.*

*The Subphyllum that fish belong to is called Vertebrata, so-named because during the embryonic stage a segmented vertebral column develops which, in most species, replaces the notochord.*

*Subphyllum Vertebrata is further divided into superclasses, one of them being Pisces (fishes), which are true aquatic vertebrates.*

*There are three classes within Pisces: Agnatha, (lampreys, hagfishes); Chondrichthyes (sharks, skates, rays, chimaeroids); Osteichthyes (bony fishes).*

*Although both sharks and bony fishes have skeletons, it is the fact (along with other characteristics) that a shark's skeleton is made of cartilage that places it in a different class from fishes with a skeleton of bone but—both have skeletons, and both are true fishes. Our two classes would be keyed-out as follows:*

*Kingdom: Animal*
*Phylum: Chordata (animals, with notochords).*
*Subphyllum: Vertebrata (animals, with notochords that are added-to or replaced by veterbratal columns)*
*Superclass: Pisces (animals, with notochords that are added-to or replaced by vertebral columns, that are true aquatics)*
*Class: Chondrichthyes (cartilaginous skeletons)*
*Class: Osteichthyes (bony skeletons)*
*The above descriptions are, by necessity, oversimplified; Ph D's in Biology need not remind me.*

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# News Releases

### INDIAN POINT DECISION SUPPORTS ENVIRONMETALISTS

In the historic environmental decision which may affect power plants throughout the nation, the Atomic Energy Safety and Licensing Board has required installation of a closed-cycle cooling system at Con Edison's Indian Point Plant, Unit No. 2. This ruling is especially significant because for the first time in its history, the Atomic Energy Commission has supported the contentions of environmentalists represented in this proceeding by the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) and the Environmetal Defense Fund (EDF), that operation of a power plant might have a devastating effect on commercial and sports fishing along the Eastern Seaboard. NRDC and EDF acted as attorneys for the Hudson River Fishermen's Association.

Basing its findings on Con Edison's own calculations, the Board concluded that operation of the Indian Point #2 nuclear power plant would result in reduction of the striped bass population of the Hudson River by twenty percent after five years of operation and by thirty-five percent after ten years of operation unless a closed-cycle cooling system is installed. (The Hudson is regarded by fisheries experts as the major breeding ground of the striped bass on the East Coast, supplying 80% of the total population along the Middle Atlantic states.) The Board also found that operation of the plant would have a similar impact on other fish species which use the river in the vicinity of Indian Point as a spawning and nursery ground.

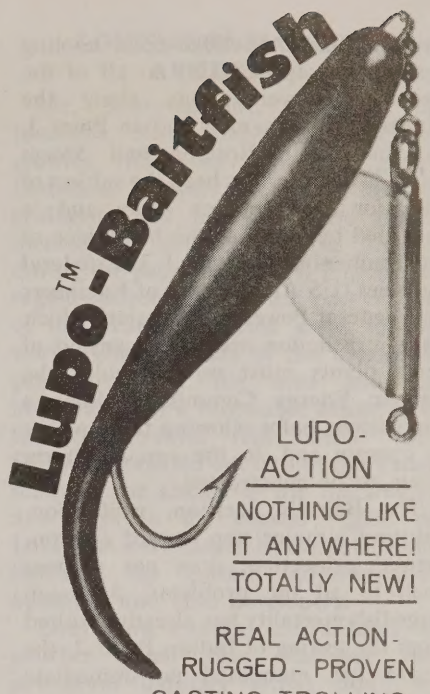
Concluding that such enormous fish kills represent an unnecessary and unacceptable trade-off for increased power production, the Board announced it would grant an operating license to Con Edison conditional upon installation by May 1, 1978 of a closed-cycle cooling system. This type of system, which recycles cooling water by utilizing cooling towers or artificial reservoirs, will drastically reduce the potential losses of fish.

In support of its decision the Board stated the following:

> The law requires that a natural resource like the Hudson River fishery be protected from serious damage if economic means having less adverse environmental impact are available to provide such protection.

This decision is another demonstration of the tremendous value and impact of the National Environmental Policy Act. It is because of this Act that the Board was required to examine the adverse environmental impact of plant operation before it issued a license and to order that, where available, means for reducing such adverse impact be utilized. Prior to the passage of this Act. such action by the Board in its issuance of a license was not mandatory and, in fact, was never done.

The significance of the Board's decision extends beyond Indian Point 2. The Board's findings as to adverse long term impact on Hudson River and Mid-Atlantic fisheries and its conclusion that such impact necessitates

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installation of a closed-cycle cooling system, has applicability to all of the proposed power plants along the Hudson River, namely Indian Point 3, Bowline Point, Roseton and Storm King. (The latter has been the subject of litigation for over ten years and is regarded by many as the birthplace of environmental litigation.) The federal agencies (US Army Corps of Engineers and Federal Power Commission) which have jurisdiction over the licensing of these plants must now consider the Atomic Energy Commission Board's conclusions befor allowing these plants to operate and, in the case of Storm King, to be constructed.

The Board's decision, while constituting a major step toward environmental protection, does not address itself to all the problems. Although large fish mortality has already resulted from the testing of Indian Point 2, the Board has mandated no immediate remedial action such as requiring restricted operation during critical spawning periods prior to 1978. Therefore, continuing public vigilance is required over the next five years, as is appropriate action by the NY State Department of Environmental Conservation and, where necessary, the NY State Attorney General, to assure that massive fish kills are prevented during migratory and hatching periods.

NRDC, HRFA and EDF have never sought to prevent operation of the Indian Point 2 plant. The groups sought only to ensure that the plant would operate in a manner which would have the least adverse environmental effects. To a great extent, they have succeeded in this fight. It is important to note that what the Board is requiring Con Edison to do at Indian Point does not impose an unusual burden on the utility. Closed cycle cooling systems are planned at more than 50% of the proposed new nuclear installations across the nation.

This report courtesy of the:

Hudson River
Fishermen's Association
Box 303, Cold Spring, N.Y. 10516

## EPA REPORT SAYS DANGERS INCREASING FROM HAZARDOUS WASTES

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has told Congress that increasing discharges of hazardous wastes into the United States environment are unnecessarily threatening the public health and welfare.

What is needed, the Agency said, is a regulatory program governing the treatment, storage, and disposal of hazardous wastes. Such a program, calling for State enforcement of standards set by the Federal government, is contained in legislation already proposed by the President: the Hazardous Waste Management Act of 1973.

EPA, in a report to Congress on Hazardous Waste Disposal, classified hazardous wastes as toxic, chemical, biological, radioactive, flammable, and explosive. About 90 percent by weight of these wastes occur in liquid or semi-liquid form. The report estimated that nonradioactive hazardous wastes are being generated at the rate of about ten million tons a year, and the wastes are increasing at an annual rate of about five percent.

As matters stand, the report continued, Federal, State, and local legislation and regulations dealing with nonradioactive hazardous wastes are generally spotty or nonexistent. Disposal of most radioactive wastes is regulated by the Atomic Energy Commission.


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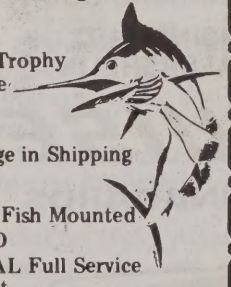

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The problem is becoming more serious, the report said, since air and water pollution controls, including bans ocean dumping are forcing generators of hazardous wastes to turn increasingly to the land for waste disposal.

The report included these examples of the dangers of improper management of hazardous wastes:

Several people in Minnesota were hospitalized in 1972 after drinking well water contaminated by an arsenic waste buried thirty years ago on nearby agricultural land.

In Colorado, a number of farm cattle died of cyanide poisoning caused by indiscriminate disposal of cyanide-bearing wastes at a dump site upstream.

The report said that sources of hazardous wastes are numerous and scattered across the country. They are: industry, the Fereral Government (principally the Atomic Energy Commission and the Department of Defense), agriculture, and such institutions as hospitals and laboratories.

Examples of the industries which generate hazardous wastes are: mining and metallurgy; paint and dye; pesticide; electrical and electronic; printing and duplicating; electroplating and metal finishing; chemical manufacturing; explosives; rubber and plastics; battery; pharmaceutical; textile, petroleum and coal; pulp and paper; leather.

Single copies of the report may be obtained by writing the U.S. Environmemtal Protection Agency, Office of Solid Waste Management Programs, Washington, D.C. 20460.

## SIERRA OIL FILM

SOBA membership authorized a mimimum donation of $500 to assist the Sierra Club of New England finance the making of a film on off-shore oil drilling. SOBA's contribution of $500 will entitle us to one copy of the film and will be made available for showing on request. Please help SOBA make the Sierra oil film, a reality by sending a donation.

## PUBLIC MEETING

SOBA will be co-sponsor of a seminar with the Sierra Club (Nassau Chapter) on Nov. 8th, at the Bellmore Library Bedford Ave., Bellmore. The topic will be "WETLANDS AND WATER QUALITY" and pertains to the new federal regulations on pollutant discharges into the waterways. Please mark the date down on your calendar...

## LOUISIANNA MARSHES ARE DYING

Mr. Sherwood M. Gagliana, of Louisana State University, reported studies indicated that the great Louisiana marshes are dying. Marsh ecologists and botanists have documented the progress of the disease during the past thirty years. The marsh regions affected are a vital part of one of the richest estuarine areas in the world. One measure of the biological productivity of the area and its importance as a renewable resource is the commercial fish catch. Mr. Sherwood pointed out in his report that many of the abuses to the marshland and bays in the coastal region of Louisiana were caused by the petroleum industry, by certain governmental agencies, and land developers.

Louisiana coastal marshland is another proof that wherever the petroleum industry settles down to conduct business, there follows a breakdown in the natural biological system.

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# One Week Deep Sea FISHING VACATION

by Trudie Sciacca

On a cold, winter evening a couple of years ago, I happened to glance at a sportsmen's magazine and saw a small advertisement for deep-sea fishing for the Captain and his Lady. The ad specified that a new hotel had just been constructed by Braniff Airways; it was Carnero Inn, Punta Carnero, Ecuador.

The idea of a winter vacation where one would soak up the sun and enjoy game fishing seemed perfect; also fine: the thought of being away from crowds of vacationers. Intrigued, I sent away for brochures, but it was two years later that my husband could manage to sneak away from his busy schedule, wintertime being busier for him than the rest of the year. Being boat owners for many years, we have always tried to incorporate fishing in our vacations; during the summer months we have caught our share of blues, bonito, sharks and bass. This time we were trying for big game.

Together with another interested novice couple, Mr. & Mrs. Edward Sisco from Hewlett, Long Island we made arrangements with the travel agency and flew to Guayaquil. We were met at the airport and travelled ninety miles to the hotel. It was midnight when we arrived, but one could see a splendid view, from the hotel, of the sea pounding against the rocks. The hotel itself was very modern and had ninety rooms, clean, air conditioned and very comfortable. Potable drinking water was always available, and the cuisine was excellent, in fact it was elegant: crawfish, shrimp, crabs and fresh-picked pineapples high on the menu. A large "fish story bar" was frequented each evening by vacationers swapping fishing tales; needless to say one meets game fishermen from all over, and many international big game records for bill fish have been broken in the oceanic vicinity. I enjoyed the informality and especially the dolphin "fish-stix,"[2] which were delicious.

Arrangements are made with your travel agent as to how many days you wish to fish, these arrangements being verified at the hotel desk. Each morning when we desired to go fishing we were awakened at six and given a hearty breakfast, then transported ten miles by taxi to Salinas where the boats are moored. Unless otherwise requested by you, the boats take off at seven in the morning and return at approximately four o'clock. Your taxi driver will take your inboard lunch along with him from the hotel. There is no extra charge for the luncheon; this is included with the fishing. Waiting to greet you at the taxi stand in Salinas are the men who arrange the fishing trips. Bait for trolling and all equipment have already been placed aboard. We found it unique to pushed out in a rowboat by beachboys who guided the boat to the moored cruiser.

**Mr. and Mrs. Sciacca pose with their black marlin and sailfish, part of the catch made during their winter vacation.**

The fishing grounds are located seven to ten miles off shore, and depending upon the swells of the ocean, it should take about forty-five minutes to an hour and a quarter before you start seeing the fins! Usually within fifteen minutes of starting the crew will put out feathered plugs for bonito and dolphin. Let me assure you that the swells, and I know them from Jones, Debs and Rockaway Inlets, are mild in Ecuador. Although the crew spoke only Spanish, we had no language barrier. Fishing sign language is universal and the hotel provides you with a list of phrases which are enclosed in the lunch boxes. There is a small charge for soft drinks and

beer consumed on board. At the end of the day's fishing it is customary to give the captain one hundred sucres (approximately $4.00), to be divided between himself and crew for a tip. If you have an exceptional day (each of my three days fishing were exceptional), and you are well pleased, two hundred sucres will be appreciated. If you desire, you can make arrangements to have your fish mounted. All other fish on board the crew expects to be able to keep for sale in the local fish market. The monies derived from these fish amount to a large portion of their wages, and the fish are badly needed for the local food supply. In view of this we found the crew most anxious to locate and help us catch fish. Upon request, a dolphin (dorado) can be skinned and taken back by you to the hotel where it is prepared for your dining.

The waters off Carnero and Salinas have the Hunbolt Current flowing north and the Equatorial Current of Panama Current flowing south; they meet at this point. This creates a great disturbance which attracts many small fish and plankton, which in turn attracts the larger fish and makes for very prolific waters. It is not unusual to sight thirty marlin in one day: our one day record was fifty-two sightings. For three days of fishing we caught five striped marlin up to 145 pounds, one sailfish of 78 pounds, one black marlin of 214 pounds, and over one hundred dolphin in the 20-40 pound range. The four of us were well pleased.

Ladies, take note when packing clothes for your trip. Do not take raingear; it is unnecessary. A windbreaker can be used in the early morning hours. Do take along a couple of long sleeve shirts for fishing, and a large sunhat and polaroid sun glasses. The weather is somewhat humid and clothing other than nylon or polyester is desirable. Dress in the dining room each night is informal, men do not need to wear tie and jacket. A nice pair of white slacks or a pastel slax-set is appropriate. I did not see anyone wearing shorts in the evening. If you possess a synthetic wig take it along. It is impossible to maintain a hairdo and a wig helped eliminate roller and pin settings, which would have been to no avail in the humidity. The wig was handy for appearances at evening dining.

After a day's fishing one was usually back at the hotel by 4:30, and after a quick, cool refreshing dip in the pool vacationers gathered around the bar to swap stories and partake of "fish-stix". Around six o'clock everyone seemed to disappear and the place was deserted; the guests had retired to their rooms for a well-earned siesta. The crowd gathers again between eight and nine o'clock in the dining room, where the menu is varied and excellent, and on par with the dining with the finest haute cuisine. There is no night life in the hotel such as a casino, dancing or entertainment, but if you desire you can travel to Salinas where there are a few night clubs and one small casino. We alternated our week between fishing and relaxing by the pool, and each day we found delightful.

If you are really interested in going someplace different, far away from crowds, and if you and your spouse really enjoy deep sea fishing, the above-mentioned trip will be well worth looking into. You will get away from the winter doldrums and have an experience that you will long remember. A passport and small pox vacination is required. See your travel agent regarding current prices.

# Diving in the Bays

by Bill Bornsheur

Many divers tend to place too much emphasis on deep diving, overlooking a very productive area — the shallow waters of a bay. Granted, the lure of the deep wrecks resting on the ocean floor is great, but often these dives are frustratingly short on bottom time due to the pressures. From personal experience I have discovered that many divers dislike decompression, especially the "Hang" at various depths, which is necessary to eliminate nitrogen bubbles from the blood that can cause the bends.

Diving the shallow wrecks (60 feet or less) is a good alternative, but the bays are loaded with a vast array of sea life. The usually calm water of the bay is a great place for the beginner to get himself accustomed to diving and to get the "feel" of the water.

Long Island's Great South Bay is one huge gathering palace for millions of fish, from the smallest of spearing to the largest of striped bass. The multitudes of sea life are a pleasure to see and in some places it is possible to photograph them in wonderfully clear water; this clear water is most often found over thick eel grass beds that filter out suspended dirt particles. Diving off Amityville I have experienced visibility greater than 50 feet, which is quite good. In water this clear, good photographs can be taken or you could just explore to your heart's content.

These eelgrass beds provide a safe sanctuary for a vast array of small fish, crabs, shrimp and eels, and by slowly investigating the bed a diver can enjoy the sights fishermen only wonder about. Always look near the edge of these beds, for it is here that (the larger fish will try to ambush their food. Fluke frequently inhabit the edge, patiently waiting for an unwary shrimp or fish.

Many divers, myself included, are fishermen as well, and I personallly would rather catch a fish than spear one.

Diving can provide a wealth of information for future fishing, especially in the case of fluke and striped bass; the finest spot for fluke fishing I ever found was discovered while diving. Feeling a bit curious one day, I took a large bag of clam chum along on a dive and stationed myself on the edge of a channel. As the tide picked up I started to chum and was rewarded with some really interesting sights.

The first fish to arrive were the bergalls, brave as ever they actually tried to get inside the plastic chum bag. The next arrivals were some huge blackfish that darted up close and then dashed away, totally confused about the black bubbling monster handing out free food. After a few moments some stripers drifted in. The bass appeared like striped ghosts and circled me cautiously. They were very interested in the clam chum but acted spooky, and departed after but a few moments. My next visitors had gone unnoticed until I looked down: I had lured in an army of crabs! There were all kinds; ugly spider crabs, sand crabs, rock crabs and even a couple of blue claws. Most of the hungry creatures stayed around while the chum lasted, when it was gone they slowly drifted off in the tide. At times, just a simple thing like feeding the fish can be fun.

Of all the creatures in the bay, one stands on a pedestal for outright stupidity — the spider crab. Brown and tremendously ugly, his life is spent on the bottom where he crawls about in a never ending search for food or a mate. Diving one day near the second Wantagh Parkway bridge, I was attacked by a spider crab. I watched as he came at me, slowly and deliberately, claws open, ready for the biggest meal of his life. The crazy thing actually tried to eat my arm, wet suit and all. I laughed like Hell and pushed him onto a more palatable meal, a freshly crushed mussel.

The various bridges that connect Long Island with the beaches are a great place for the diver to observe a large variety of fish; the solid pillings provide a home for millions of barnacles, mussels, and marine growth that attracts fish in abundance. Blackfish thrive in the bridge areas and at times form huge schools that will curiously approach a diver. In the fall these fish can be attracted by banging rocks together underwater. Blacks will approach but seem hesitant to feed from a diver's hand; bergalls, on the other hand, are totally fearless. To feed these bait-stealing champions simply smash up a clam or some mussels or barnacles. Move slowly and the fish will loose all caution, swarming around you and affording great opportunities for pictures.

The bridge areas are about the best place to observe striped bass. Under the Meadowbrook Bridge I have often watched school stripers lay around the wooden protection pilings in front of the bridge opening. At times these fish swim directly in line with one another, the snout of each bass pressed into tail fork of the fish ahead of it. In this chain formation they swim between the pilings, totally enjoying themselves. At certain times of the year the bridges are home for really huge striped bass. If the "sharpies" could ever see some of these monsters they would flip.

Big stripers are often curious, but at times they are downright stubborn. On one particular dive with my claustrophic friend John, I spotted a huge bass finning in the current about 15 feet ahead of us. The bass swam cross current, looked us in the eye, and returned to his feeding station. At the time each of us was carrying a pair of danforth anchors as trophies and didn't want to go around, so we swam directly at him. We had to push him out of our way! Watching this fish I realized that big stripers must have few natural enemies, and must look upon a slow moving diver with complete and utter indifference.

The good fish population around a bridge naturally attracts many fishermen, and these fishermen lose a lot of tackle, so whenever I dive there I look closely amongst the rocks and find myself often rewarded with such things as snagged plugs and spoons. In deeper water, near the center of the bridge, I have found umbrella rigs and anchors galore. Sometimes these anchors still have the price tag glued on and I have to laugh thinking how angry some guy must have been.

In the late summer and early fall, when the water temperature is still warm, it is not unusual to see some tropical fish in our area. In Zachs Bay I

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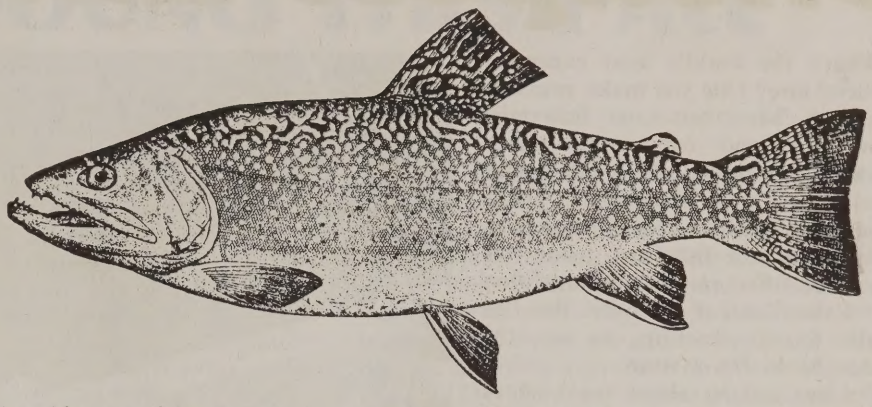
# FALL BROOKIES

## By Don Vetter



Crisp, cool October days, with the leaves beginning to turn to reds and golds, swirling down from the trees in the brisk, autumnal winds. The days grow shorter and the early morning holds a trace of frost, to remind us that the hazy, humid days of summer are but a memory now, and old man winter is crouching just around the corner, ready to pounce. Even the mid-day sun is lower in the sky, and no longer oppresses the body, drawing forth beads of sweat, as it did but a few short weeks ago. The sky has a special clarity of newly-washed blue, and the air is invigorating to breathe; fall is a wonderful time of year.

Not so long ago, Indian Summer was hardly the time to think of trout fishing in any manner or form; the season closed promptly on the 30th of September, and tackle was stored for that seemingly endless six months till the April opening day. The extended season (September 30 to October 31) in Long Island tidal streams has changed all that. The dedicated trout man may now pursue his sport through the month of October, and enjoy the fine autumn weather, while using his wiles on some wise old trout.

Though primarily intended to enable the angler to take advantage of the carefully nurtured, and now burgeoning sea-run brown trout fishery, the extended season also gives us the opportunity of some fine brook trout fishing. Many of the tidal streams which remain open to angling this month were stocked with brookies early in the season (Swan River in Patchogue and the Nissequogue in Smithtown, to name but two) while others such as the Connequot in Oakdale (my personal favorite trout water; in the fall or any other time) seem capable of maintaining a healthy population of brook trout with little or no assistance.

The Department of Environmental Conservation, in its untiring efforts to provide the fisherman with the best in fall brownie fishing, has given us an additional advantage in that brook trout found in the waters still open are also fair game. **Salvelinus fontinalis,** whether you call him native, speckled, quaretail, or just plain brook trout, isn't really a trout (genus **Salmo**) at all, but rather a member of the charr family. Family tree notwithstanding, brookies are the only 'trout' native to the east, browns having a European ancestry and rainbows being an import from the western states.

Brookies have a special place in the hearts of many dyed in the wool trout fishermen. Though he may not be as wise as the brown, or attain such large sizes, nor is he as flashy a fighter as a leaping rainbow, the brookie is the best eating and the handsomest of the three, with his bluish flanks and oliveaceous back with its pale worm-like markings (vermiculations) from which the term "speckled trout" derives. His sides are marked with reddish spots, each encircled by a pale halo, his fins are orange-red, shading to near black at the fore, with pure white leading edges. The brookie is indeed a beautiful fish, particularly now in his spawning season, when his coloration deepens and his belly takes on a reddish cast.

The brook trout you encounter in these tidal streams in the fall are likely to run much larger on the average, if less plentiful, than the brookies you took from the same water during the spring.

How best to fish for these fall brookies? The answer to this question lies in the water conditions, whether the streams are low and clear (as they usually are in the fall), or swollen and discolored by run-off from recent rains. Although brookies are notorious worm fanciers, they are more amenable to fly casting (and not just the baitfish imitating bucktails and streamers) than are fall run browns. Given clear water conditions, wet flies and nymphs can be a good bet; dry flies are rarely effective, due to the lack of emerging aquatic insects in the fall of the year.

Your standard trout rod of 8 foot length, with 6 weight double taper floating line (DT6F), will serve well, as will the shorter 7½ foot stick. Leaders should be in the 9 foot class, with tippets no coarser than 4 pound test. Black Gnat, Coachman, Blue Dun, Brown Wooly Worm and Ginger Quill are good fall wet fly patterns. Stone Fly, Montana, Black Creeper, Zug Bug, Tellico and Leadwing Coachman produce best among the nymphs at this time of the year. Ten to fourteen is the best size range for either wets or nymphs, if they are to be worked in the middle depths or near the top. A large, weighted nymph (up to size #8, or even #6, if you can obtain them that large) will be your best bet for dead drifting near the bottom, and this method has paid off especially well on larger brookies.

Though brownies will readily take spoons or spinners in the fall, I have rarely done nearly so well with brook trout on hardware at this time; it seems to be a case of either flies or live bait. Brook trout will take a worm at almost any given time of year, though in the fall they seem to work best only when the water is somewhat off color after a rain. When the water is low and clear and ordinary garden hackle on a light wire #4 or 6 hook will out-produce the larger nightcrawlers, if you feel impelled to use worms. In either case, a free-drifting worm is the best bet; resort to split shot only in cases of strong current.

For my money, the best natural bait for fall brookies is a small (and oftentimes not so small) saltwater killie. The fact that brown trout are

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# The World's Cheapest Lure

by Don Millus

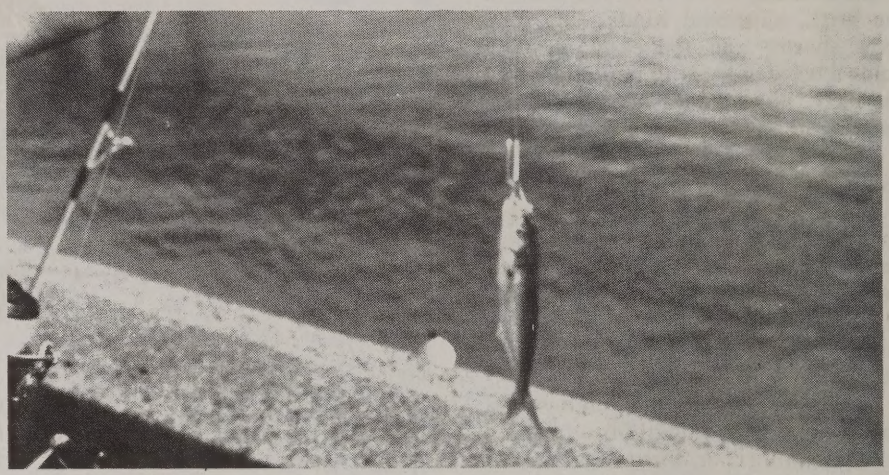
What's the world's least expensive artificial lure? One you make yourself, of course. Most salt-water fishermen know that you can catch tinker mackerel on a rig that has a sinker with a half dozen or so small golden hooks attached to the line above it. I've even seen Vietnamese fishermen using this rig, which I first saw on a tuna trip on the "Palace" out of Hoboken. But I've finally found something to top the golden hook. It's a straw.

I'm not talking about the kind of straw that the Egyptians got so chintzy with. I mean the garden variety MacDonald's or Howard Johnson's plastic straw with red or yellow stripes. Of course, you have to have a hook, too, but all that's needed is a long shank hook of size six or so. And it doesn't have to be golden.

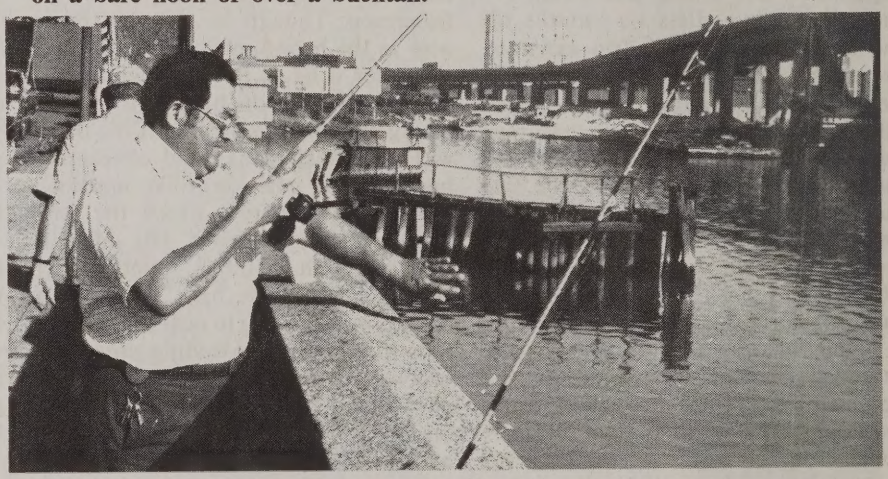
The straw lure has recently made its appearance on the Townsend Street bridge over the Quinnipiac River in New Haven harbor. And, according to the users, it's a killer on the half tides. What hits it? The snappers do, and with the snappers continuing to grow there should be some pretty good sized baby blues caught on straws well into October this year.

All the lure consists of is an inch or so of a striped plastic straw. Slice straight through the straw at one end and diagonally at the other. The design is basically that of the "spaghetti" or little rubber tubes we've been using for mackerel for years. The straw is slipped over the hook before tying on the line. A small plastic float for weight is all that's needed.

Naturally, nothing is going to replace the shiner as a snapper staple. On some tides, and in some spots on the Connecticut shore, only fresh bait will do. For example, in Milford harbor the fish seem to hit only bait, but as soon as you get outside the small metal lures or tiny bucktails, fished behind wooden or plastic floats, have been consistent killers this September. The faster the retrieve the better. Any day a half-dozen or so fishermen may be seen wading around Gulf Beach with small, plastic pails for fish over their shoulders and their light spinning outfits weighted with a float. The artificials are



**A "straw-lure" snapper. Any colored plastic straw will do. It may be fished on a bare hook or over a bucktail.**



**The background isn't too pretty but the fish down below seem to cooperate.**

getting the fish.

Along with the straw lures and shiners, another standby for New Haven's bridge fishermen is the chunk of bunker. For snappers, you say? Nope, for blues. The blues have been spotty this fall, but for the last few years the mouth of the Quinnipiac has seen a real slaughter of the choppers for a few days in September or October; sometimes it goes on for a full week or more. A lot of the straw lure users have a two piece spinning rod with forty or fifty pound test line in the car — just in case the choppers chase the bunker in.

Bait for the blues isn't a problem since there are usually a lot of bunker around to snag, and occasionally an enterprising fisherman will be selling fresh snagged bunker at a quarter a piece. I don't usually mention a specific reel, but the Penn 704 seems to have the best record for standing up under the hard punishment of landing a big blue from the bridge. And that's even with handling the fish up some thirty feet or more from the water! It takes tough tackle under these conditions.

But, for most of the snapper fishermen, the blues are just an added bonus. On these balmy, late summer and early fall days they're taking a lot of nice snappers, and many of them are falling for the world's cheapest lure. When the kids scream to go to their favorite fast-food hostel, don't complain; go along and pick up a year's supply of snapper lures.

# Score in L.I. Sound this Fall

## by Charles Cianci

This fall, there will be many fishermen out on Long Island Sound seeking to take advantage of the annual fall run of striped bass. For many of the anglers it will be another fantastic season, but this article is primarily aimed more at the angler who has not been blessed with large fish in the majority of his previous seasons. This article is to help the angler concentrate on the larger fish of this run, those of ten pounds or more. I know many anglers will dispute the size, claiming there are much larger fish available, but most of us would be happy to take fish of ten pounds and over with consistancy.

This fall is the time to fulfill your goal. The bass are on the move and feeding ravenously prior to their journey to the wintering grounds, thus increasing your chances of taking them. The Sound has at least three separate populations of bass: one group spends both summer and winter in the Sound, and in the bays connecting to it; another group summers in the Sound and winters in the Hudson River; the third population, and this is the group that contains the majority of the bulls caught in our waters, summers in the Sound and embarks on a long ocean migration in the fall to winter off our Mid-Atlantic Coast. This Mid-Atlantic contingent moves out before the Hudson River group, so now is the time to start searching for them.

There is also the probability of taking bluefish, especially the larger members of the species, at this time of the year, but since this article deals with striped bass, they will not be mentioned — virtually all of the techniques mentioned within will work on blues.

**BAITFISHING.** In the last five years or so there has been a rebirth of baitfishing in Long Island Sound. The baits that have caused this rebirth, and which have taken some bragging-sized bass, are mossbunker and mackerel. Since this magazine has gone into detail on mossbunker fishing on many in the past, I will not go into the mechanics of this method here, but refer you to past articles in The L.I.F. on that subject.

Mackerel, a great bait in our northern bass waters, are generally fished in chunks on the bottom or drifted in tidal rips. There is another deadly method of fishing mackerel, not generally used in this area, and this is live-lining. Small mackerel (tinkers) can be easily obtained in most of the area harbors during October, and these mackerel, rigged with a single or treble hook and live-lined in an area that holds bass, can be truly deadly on the lunkers. There are many other baits such as worms, squid, crabs, and clams that will always take their share of fish, but I would stick with the bunker and mackerel for the big ones.

**LURES.** The greatest way of taking these large gamesters is by using artificials. You can choose from a wide variety of lures, but certain lures will give you a better chance of taking large fish than others. Number One with many fishermen are the eels, both natural and artificial. I include natural eels in this section because the techniques that are used with rubber eels apply to natural ones as well.

There are many ways to rig natural eels but a single hook from 5/0 to 9/0 seems to work fine when hooked through both lips of the eel. When bluefish make themselves a problem, rigging the eel with a wire to a tail hook should be sufficient to snare these toothy marauders. Eels, both natural and artificial, are primarily night time lures, and should be retrieved VERY SLOWLY! Many anglers who claim this lure does not take fish retrieve too quickly for the eel to be effective. Remember, go slow, even if you feel the eel bumping bottom; a few lost lures are a small price for the fish you will take.

A big bass will usually hit the eel with his tail, then turn and pick it up. With a natural eel, when you feel the tap, quickly open your bail or put the reel in free spool so the bass feels no resistance, wait ten seconds or so, then hit him and play out your prize. With an artificial eel, when a rap is felt, halt the retrieve and jig your rod tip. When you feel him pick it back up, hit him hard three or four times and play him out.

To lead into the next section, plugs themselves, I will mention a plug that is a cross between eels and plugs, the eelskin plug. Past editions of The Long Island Fisherman showed how to construct these offensive creatures, so do your homework on the past issues. Plugs that work well with a skin are the old Atom 40, Junior Atom, Creek Chub Pikie, Goo-Goo Eye Husky Dude, and others too numerous to mention. Caution: these plugs seem to bring out the killer instinct in large bass, so be ready for action at any time.

With plugs themselves, in the fall it is profitable to believe in the "big plug/big fish" theory. While using small plugs will usually lead to wild action in the fall, larger plugs will take a far greater share of the larger fish available. Surface swimmers drive bass crazy, especially at dawn and dusk; just remember to speed up your retrieve when a big bass boils behind the plug and prepare for a strike. Large sub-surface swimmers such as large Rebels, Pikie Minnows, Atoms, and Goo-Goo Eyes will also work very well, although the action is not as exciting to watch.

Poppers are the favorite of many anglers. Just remember to vary the rate of retrieve and work an area thoroughly before moving on. Jigs will occasionally account for a greater percentage of smaller fish. If you are using jigs, using the larger sizes and sweetening with pork rind will enhance your chances of taking larger fish.

Now that you have all your lures ready, with hooks sharp and your equipment in flawless shape, you must get out there and catch fish.

During the fall, time of day is not as important as it is in the spring or the summer, although to increase your chances you should concentrate on dawn, dusk, and night. If I had to

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# MONSTERS IN THE RACE

## by Ron Onorato

The early November morning was cool and crisp. Unlike most of the days when fishing this area, there was only a hint of a northerly breeze. The big Boston Whaler sped out of Montauk Harbor and pushed northward towards the Race.

Big bluefish, which had spent the greater part of the year feeding in Long Island Sound, had taken up residence in the turbulent waters near Fischer's Island. Schoolies and somewhat larger sized bass also were feeding in the rip at the time. The possibility of some decent size bass along with trophy bluefish is all the information needed to stir the average fishermen out of his roost and brave the somewhat inclement weather.

Although it was very late in the season, there were plenty of boats fishing the race when we arrived on the scene. We figured we would have the place to ourselves, but I guess we weren't the only crazy people around.

We gauged the direction of the drift before we began fishing. Most of the other boats would pull to the north side of the rip and then drift southward until they hit the edge, and once inside the rip, they cranked up and started another drift.

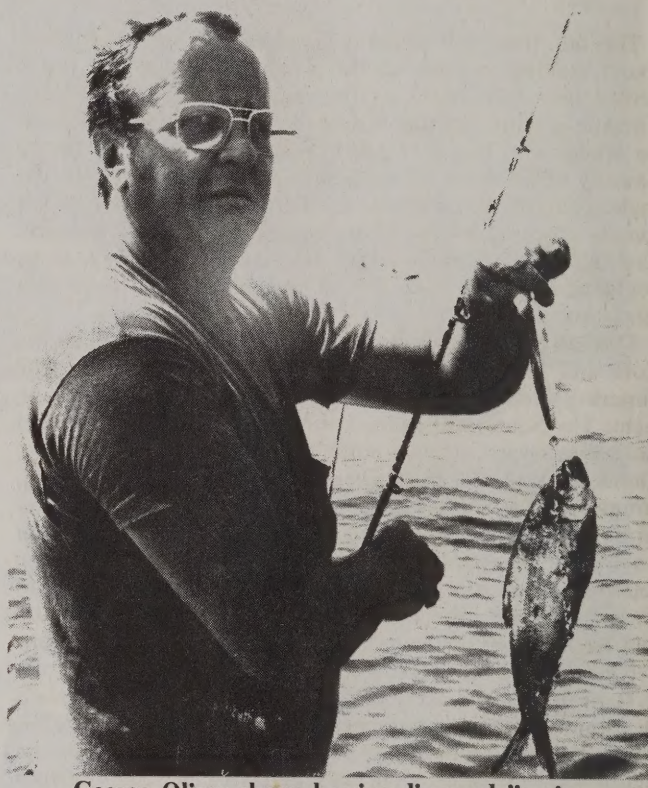
As we proceeded northward, we could see rods straining to hefty fish. Most of the fish were big blues, but every now and then a teen-size bass would be gaffed.

We stopped the boat about a quarter mile north of the rip and rigged up our gear. The terminal tackle used when fishing the rip is fairly similar, with minor variations. Frozen herring fished on a drail with a rear hook is the most common. Working a ten ounce diamond jig off the bottom also pays off, but you have to work for your fish. By this time the sun was high and warm, and many fishermen had elected to fish in shirt sleeves.

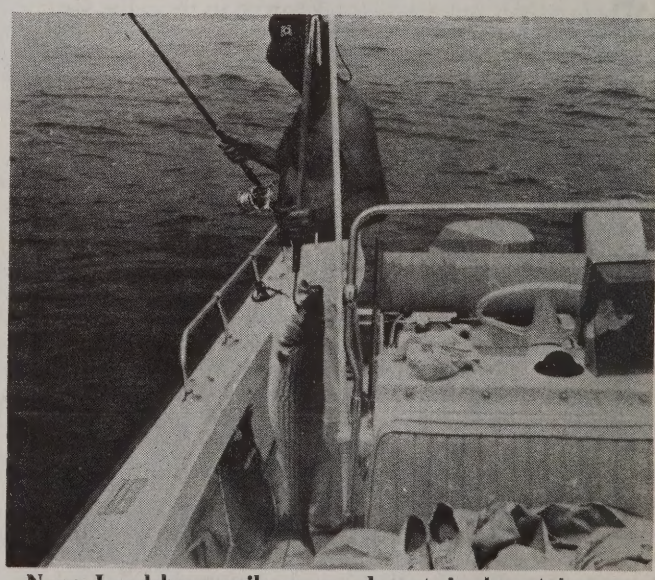
We decided to drift with herring and fish a little easier. Our herring baited rigs were lowered to the bottom and cranked up ten or twelve feet. As is customary in the Race, action came fast. I felt the telltale pick up of a fish: I let the fish chew for a few seconds and then socked him. It felt like an average blue, and I brought him up to the surface without too much difficulty. All other hands on board were similiarly engaged with medium size blues for the duration of the drift. Action was good, but we failed to connect with any large blues or bass.

On the next drift, we moved a little further to the west so that we were fishing the edges of the fleet. I lowered the herring to the bottom, but it never made it! It was grabbed by a fish larger than those encountered previously. After a spirited battle, the fish showed its colors; it was a bass of about sixteen pounds. Several bluefish were also caught on the drift, but no more bass.

We had made just two drifts and the box was already half filled; it would be short order before the box would overflow. Every drift produced blues, but no other bass came aboard the boat that day. It seems that the blues were just too fast for the bass, and among them were several trophy blues in the boat that were close to twenty pounds. We had been fishing



George Oliver shows herring-diamond jig rig.



Norm Landsberg smiles over a decent size bass taken on fresh herring.

**Author plugs it out with a big blue.**

just three hours and we had all the fish we needed.

Although fishing usually starts in the Race by the end of July, the best action comes in the fall— late October or early November. As the water temperatures drop in Long Island Sound, both bass and blues depart their local haunts and start moving. They usually rest for some time at the mouth of Long Island and Block Island sounds to feed for the long journeys ahead, and this is the ideal time for the fishermen to get in on some hot bass and bluefish action.

The terminal tackle is the only part of the fisherman's gear that may require a little variation in rigging. The easiest rig to use and construct consists of an eight ounce drail with a short length of wire and a large hook. Remove the snap from the end of the drail and you will have just an open link on the end. Take a six inch length of stiff wire and connect it by means of the haywire twist to a 7/0 or 9/0 O'Shaughnessy hook. Take a frozen herring (or a freshly thawed one) and force the wire up through its back and out near the head. Then connect the wire end to the drail and you are set for fishing.

I've found that a herring used in conjunction with a diamond jig is even more effective. Use a ten ounce diamond jig and leave the treble hook intact. Then crimp on a six inch wire leader with a treble or single hook near the end. The herring is then hooked once through the lips, then through the tail. In the event that a fish pulls the herring off the hook, there is still a chance that it may hit the diamond jig.

Either of these rigs is fished with a medium action boat rod and line that tests anywhere from twenty-five to forty pounds, depending upon the size of the fish running.

The only other piece of fishing gear that you may need is a rather sturdy fishing platform. While on the day we were fishing the rip was quiet because there was no wind, it can get pretty hairy out there when the wind starts running against the tide. A small boat may safely fish the rip on certain days, but it has no business being out there on a rough day. In October and November the weather is usually cold and windy, and an eye kept on the elements is important.

The first significant amount of bass caught in the Race usually occurs around the second week of October and may last through the entire month of November. Bluefishing starts around July and should last into November. If you want to fish primarily for bass, then try to fish around the end of the season.

If you desire some late season action with trophy fish, look into the Race.

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**SCORE IN L.I. SOUND**

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pick the most productive hours I would plan to fish from an hour before dawn until at least two hours afterwards, but it should be remembered that in the fall, fishing can be good at any hour, so get out on the water at any time you can. Remember there is a full moon coming up in the middle of October and night fishing will be very productive, because the bass will be at a peak of activity at this time and feeding ravenously. Other variables are involved, such as changes in wind and weather, that can spur on a blitz at any time, so get out as much as possible to increase your chances.

I cannot advise you on the possible spots to fish because readers are from widely separated parts of the metropolitan area. However, stick to the proven productive locations in your area as well as the spots you know best, concentrate on the techniques outlined here, and be prepared to reap a harvest of bass that will go into the freezer and carry you through the long winter. See you out there!

## FALL BROOKIES

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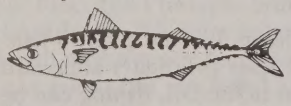
particularly fond of killies should not escape your attention either; you haven't forgotten that big sea-run browns are the reason these tidal streams are kept open that extra month, have you? Lip-hooked on a hook commensurate with his size, the killie may be drifted freely with the current, or worked slowly towards the angler in a series of short retrieves, with plenty of pauses to allow the bait to swim naturally. Avoid split shot or weight of any kind wherever possible, and remember to give line momentarily when you feel a trout take, to be sure he has the hook before striking. Always allow the fish to bring the line taut before socking it to him, lest the force of the strike be lost in the slack mono, and you only get back a mangled killie for all your troubles.

The choice of a spinning outfit for this type of fishing should present no problems if you keep in mind the need to cast very light baits, and the fact that the largest brookie you are likely to encounter will rarely exceed two pounds in weight. A rather light action rod of 6½ or 7 feet, and matching reel spooled with four or six pound test mono will do the job nicely and, with the six pound test, you should not have too much trouble even if you are fortunate enough to tie into one of those big sea-run browns. Keep enough line on the spool to reduce friction on long casts with light baits (within 1/8 of inch of the spool rim is about right), and check the drag setting occasionally.

Whether you choose fly or spinning tackle, fall fishing for brook trout can add a new dimension to your angling. Your enjoyment of the crisp air and colorful autumn foliage can be capped off by the scent of a fat trout or two, frying in melted butter at the end of a lovely fall day.



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## DIVING IN THE BAYS

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have seen many Butterfly fish, beautiful yellow fish with long pointed noses. They range in size from a half inch to the size of a person's hand. Another beautiful visitor is the Big Eye, or Glasseye Snapper. These fish reach a maximum length of 12 inches, with most averaging much less than that. The striking feature of these crimson fish is their huge bright eyes. Only two weeks ago I spotted a truly exotic-looking fish swimming through the garbage of Woodcleft Canal; from only a quick look it appeared to be a young African Pompano.

Larger tropical fish also inhabit our waters but they are rarely seen and few are caught by fishermen. One diver did have an interesting encounter with a tropical visitor. Bill Klotz, who used to run the Seaford Dive Shop, was repeatedly bumped while diving by some large playful fishes, which turned out to be a pair of Amberjacks. Bill estimated their weights at approximately 75 lbs.

The bay offers some good diving opportunities, because the shallow water gives maximum bottom time. The divers with bad stomachs will find the bay is ideal as they won't find those swells that cause motion sickness problems. Avoid diving on the weekends, the boat traffic is just too much to cope with.

It is most important to be relaxed during a dive and a nervous person will usually wind up with problems underwater. Get rid of any problems you may have in the shallows; you'll feel much better and gain confidence for that first deep dive.

One important thing to remember: always display the red and white diver's flag, either from the boat or from the flotation device above the spot you're diving in, to warn boatmen of your presence in the water. Being hit by a boat or cut by a propeller is not the best way to conclude a diving trip.

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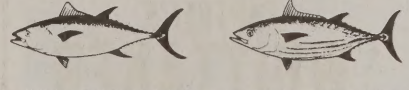

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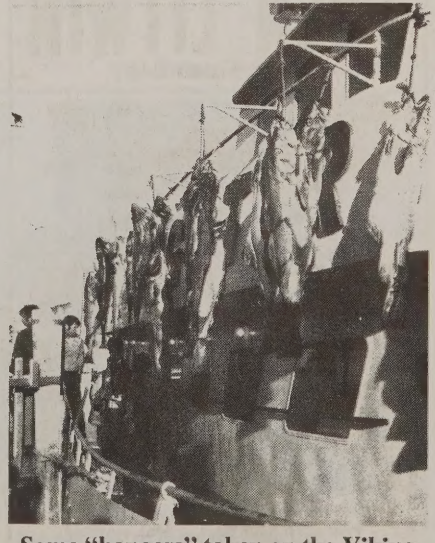
Capt. Jim Behan of the Peconic Queen fished off Block Island Sunday in the dark of the morning and came up with codfish in the 40 lb. plus class for his fares. Jim reviewed last year's ship log and saw that it was time for big codfish and he sure was right. Meanwhile Capt. Howie with the Peconic Queen II continued to load up with large codfish. His pool winner, Stanley Feret of East Meadow, N.Y., had a 53 lb. codfish. Capt. Les Behan, who captained the Andrea Doria trip, said that it was a success as usual. Although the weather there was not the best, they did come home with plenty of fish for the freezer.

Capt. John Sekora of the Easy Rider says that most of the action is had with bluefish and there are plenty of them. The striped bass trolling has slowed down but bass can be had if you work at it. Most of the bluefishing is taking place right off the Point and at the Cartwright Grounds. John says that further east and north anglers are catching big bass over 40 lbs. on his own make tubes, so they are on their way.

The Hel-Cat Fleet reports that both the Hel-Cat and the Helen II were fishing the Race on Sunday for blues. The Helen II had the 1400 Rod & Gun Club of Staten Island aboard and they had a ball. Everyone loaded up on



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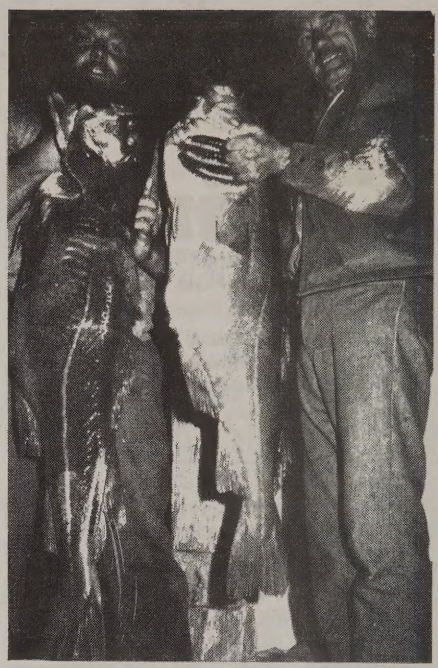


**George Balhert, left, and Nick Shepas, right, hold two cod of 58 and 54 lbs. they took on the Peconic Queen II's Special Cox's Ledge trip on Monday, October 1st.**

bluefish. The Hel-Cat has been fishing the Race all week, and as a bonus they are still getting striped bass along with the blues.

Tuma's Tackle Shop reports the charter boats are still getting excellent catches of bluefish, and when you can get through the bluefish, striped bass are there also. These fish are right off the Point between Shagwong and the Rip. The porgies are also still in abundance for the open boats. The codfish boats are coming back with loads of fish from Cox's Ledge. The surf fishing picture is good and getting better everyday. There are plenty of fish there but you have to work for them. Turtle Cove and the North Bar are the best bets.

Henry Colombi of the Star Island Yacht Club called to say that quite a few of their members caught blue and mako sharks at the Butterfish Hole. Blues and bass were being trolled off the sandy beaches opposite Montauk Village.

### PROMISED LAND

A variety of good fishing, says Art Brand at the Promised Land Fishing Station. Porgies are still there and they are plentiful. Plenty of blues can be found between the station and east of Gardiner's. Albacore are running with the blues. Flounders are still so-so and this is partially due to the fact that there are still too many porgies around.

Striped bass can be caught at Gardiner's Island and Cartwright, if you can get through the blues.

### SAG HARBOR

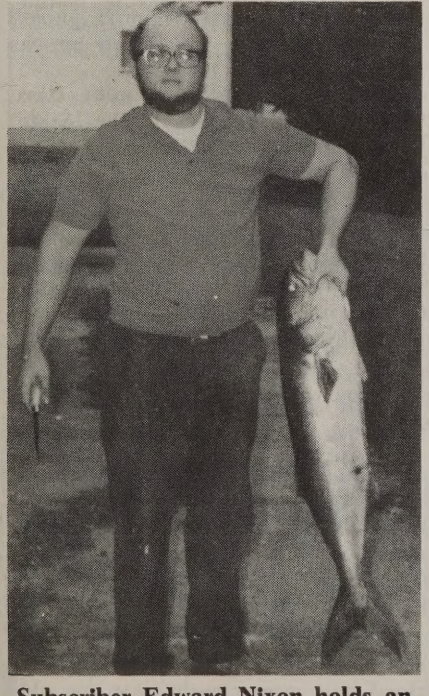
Dan McLane of the Bayview Tackle & Bait Shop reports quite a few porgies were caught at Buoy 5, Cedar Point and Buoy 10. In the Northwest Harbor, where the scallop men are working, anglers are picking up some flounders and blowfish. School stripers are in the ferry area.

### SHINNECOCK

Capt. Clark Bellows reports that although they are still catching weakfish, these fish are fading. The blackfishing has improved a great deal. The porgies are still available and they are in abundance. On October 13th the Capt. Clark II will be sailing from Sag Harbor and going after flounders. The Capt. Clark I will also swing over to flounders when necessary.

### HAMPTON BAYS

A twenty one and three quarter pound fluke was caught in the inlet, reports Tony's Fishing Station. The fluke was caught by Ronald Kuzinski, who is employed by the fishing station, therefore he was not eligible for their contest. Ron caught this fish while drifting a whale squid for bluefish at the inlet. A 13 pounder was also weighed in at Tony's. Ronnie went on to report that big bluefish are being trolled on umbrella rigs between the inlet and the Bell Buoy. Bonito and bass are also coming in on the umbrella rig.



**Subscriber Edward Nixon holds an 18 lb. bluefish he took on one of the Viking Starlite night bluefishing trips.**

### MASTIC BEACH

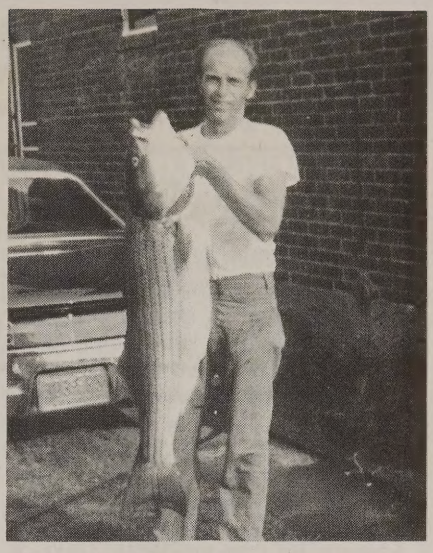
Ronnie Keenan of Keenan's Fishing Station reports good flounder fishing with worms at Buoys 20 and 21. Ronnie says he has both blood and sandworms but that they are small. Ronnie says if you can get big ones, bring your own. There are lots of small sea bass throughout the area as well as porgies. Crabbing is excellent, especially in the channels. There are lots of weakfish but they are spread around. Fluke are being caught in the Moriches Inlet.

### MORICHES

Chet of B & B Tackle said that most of the fishing was steady. Chet said that fluke were still being taken in the inlet area now and most of the fluke are keepers. Flounders are improving every day, with the best action at Forge River and Buoy #39. Weakfish are showing at the docks in the early A.M. mostly and also in the hole off Remsenberg, Buoy 42 and 43. Shrimp lures and bait are working equally well. Some large porgies, humpbacks, and sea bass are available at the same hole. Striper activity, although only mediocre, is still good enough to go fishing. There are monster bluefish being caught from the surf around the inlet and they are going after lures of all kinds. Most of the blues are going 10 to 12 lbs. with several fish in the high teens being taken. Chet also told of a 150 lb. mako caught on the Patricia Lee, captained by Leo Boyce.

### WEST SAYVILLE

Fishing in this general area is fair. There are blowfish, snappers and fluke being caught but no quantity was given. Crabbing is still holding up at the West Sayville dock. Heckscher produced only kingfish. Weakfish were not caught.

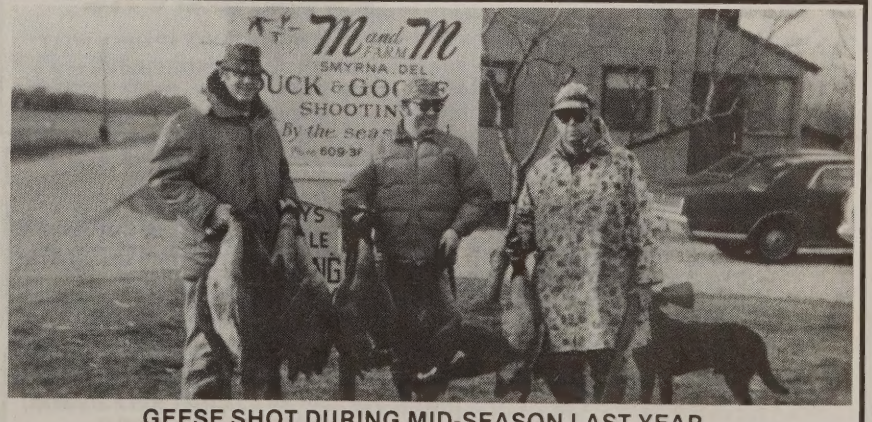


**Subscriber Charlie Doudera hefts a 42 lb. 5 oz. bass he took at Cedar Beach on a Creek Chub popping plug he refinished with chrome tape.**

Nice, steady bluefishing, says Capt. Hubert of the Speedy V. During the week this fishing was excellent. On the weekend it was a little slower but the fares were still taking 6 to 10 fish per man. Many of the fish went into the high teens. Albacore are still mixed in with the blues. On Sunday a sea bass of 5 lbs. 1 oz. was taken on one of the wrecks Capt. Hubert was fishing.

The Capt. Joseph Fleet reports that all of their boats are doing well. The Joseph I is doing very well on blackfish while the Joseph II is doing well with bay fishing. The other boat is bluefishing close by and these fish are still plentiful.

The Capt. Ben Litwin did a fantastic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job on blackfish, porgies and sea bass on the reef outside, as reported by Mrs. Litwin. She said the porgies are running large and a bucketful is easy to come by. The sea bass are also plentiful and some have gone to 3 lbs. Mrs. Litwin said that on Saturday the fishing was so good that she had over ten repeat customers.

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Capt. Frank Bryant of the Moby D called to tell us of the beautiful job they did on bluefish in 85 ft. of water southeast of the Fire Island Lighthouse. They caught 70 bluefish and every fish had lice on them, similar to those found on codfish.

John Schaefer of Charlie's Tackle reports that he caught a 22 lb. striped bass on a live eel underneath the Fire Island Bridge on Sunday night. There were some other hits, however, john took the only fish while drifting. Blackfish are all over, especially at the artificial reef. John said to get there early because of the traffic. Fiddler crabs work well but John says to remember to wait for the second rap (when the blackfish gets the crab into his second set of teeth) before setting the hook. Flounders are just starting. There are still a few fluke down at the inlet. The bluefish and striped bass are in among the schools of bunker and drifting with the bunker is producing well for the sharpies from the Coast Guard Station up to the Fire Island Light.

### AMITYVILLE

Marty at Sportackular went bass fishing with live eels in the State Channel and caught a couple of forty pounders. Marty said that live eels and blackfish are getting good sized bass at Jones Inlet and the State Channel. Frank Gabriel on the King Ceasar fished the artificial reef off Kismet and came in with 80 lbs. of blackfish, some going to 3 lbs., fifteen sea bass up to 2 lbs., two striped bass of 15 and 20 lbs. and also two bluefish taken on live buner.

### BABYLON

Jean Principe of Augie's Bait & Tackle said the trollers were getting some nice bluefish off the Point Of Woods area in about 50 ft. of water. The boat Boston Kelly brought in a nice 250 lb. blue shark, caught in 100 ft. of water 150 degrees out of the inlet. Nice striped bass were caught near the old inlet drifting live eels. These were caught by members of the South Shore Marlin Club and they had eight bass up

to 35 lbs., with the smallest one going over 20 lbs. There are still some nice weakfish in the East West Channel. Flounders are picking up very well. Crabs are heading into the channels for the winter. A lot of snappers are still around.

### SEAFORD

Dell's Fishing Station reports that Jim Bruen and Al Messina fished west of the 2nd bridge and caught 34 flounders. Fred O'Casey and son had 44 flounders, all keepers, and they fished Merrick Bay. All these flounders were caught on bloodworms and clam.

Mike's Rowboat Station reports there are a lot of crabs out in the channels. The blackfish have moved in and fishermen are doing well on them around the bridges. The flounder are very small but they are coming in. Snappers are plentiful.

Lon Wanser of Wanser's Bait & Tackle reports the flounders are picking up throughout the bay. The porgies have faded. Bluefish are still being caught in the bay along with some nice weaks. Snappers are slowing down. Crabs have headed for deeper water, so try the channels.

### WANTAGH

Frank Hecker of Causeway Bait & Tackle reports great blackfishing around all the bridges. Flounders are still on the small side. Frank says colder weather is needed for better flounder fishing. Kingfish are still being caught around the piers.

### MERRICK

Ron at Whaleneck Marina told about three men that fished the Rota Wreck outside Jones Inlet and came in with 65 b lackfish, some of which went to 8 and 9 lbs. They were using fiddlers and picked up most of the fish about three hours before high tide. John Adel and Chester Banach were the anglers who caught all these fish. Flounders are plentiful right off Nick's Point with about 75% of them keepers. Blowfish are caught also but these fish are small.


**FISHING REPORTS**

**For up-to-the-minute fishing information, read Frank Keating's fishing column in the L.I. Press seven days a week.**


## N.Y. Bight Report

### FREEPORT

Capt. Al Lindroth of the party boat Capt. Al said he has been loading up on big blues at Cholera Banks. Al has been fishing on the rocks this entire week and loading up on blues up to 18 lbs.

Capt. Richie Kessinger of the party boat Star Stream also reports finding his best action on Cholera. Rich also said some albacore have been mixed in with the blues. On Wednesday, Mr. Al Dinzey of St. Albans landed the largest blue of the week. It weighed in at 18¼ lbs.

Capt. Paul Schmidt of the Aloma loaded up on jumbo blues over the weekend. Paul found his best action on Cholera and reports his hi-hook on Sunday was Jules Gilbert who landed 27 blues. Paul's dad, Capt. George Schmidt, who skippers the Aloma II, said he loaded up on medium size porgies, sea bass and blacks fishing the artificial reef south of Jones Beach.

Mrs. Jim Zook called to report that her husband aboard the Capt. Jim V was loading up on school stripers at the Meadowbrook Bridge on Monday morning. Mrs. Zook said the party was headed by Gary Leung of Mott Street, N.Y.C. and that the method of their success was chuming with clam bellies. The fish ranged in sizes up to 10 lbs.

### POINT LOOKOUT

Capt. Art White of the party boat Angler II reports excellent fishing for jumbo blues this past weekend. The Angler II has been finding action at Cholera with fish ranging from 8 to 18 pounds. Some albacore are also mixed in with the blues.

Ed Wardle of Ed's Fishing Station reports plenty of blackfish are being taken on fiddlers at the Meadowbrook and Loop Parkway Bridges. Blacks are also plentiful on offshore wrecks and along the jetty. Ed said there is a decent showing of ¾ lb. flounders in Middle Bay and Swift Creek. Snappers are still quite abundant throughout the bay.

### ISLAND PARK

John Esposito of the Commodore Fishing Station said rowboaters have been doing a good job with porgies and butterfish off the Long Beach Hospital.


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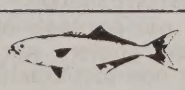
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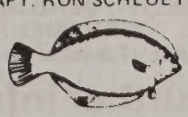
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John said Ronnie Malone of Long Beach landed two stripers going 35 and 36 lbs. while drifting fresh bunker on Sunday off Rockaway. Capt. Clem Esposito of the party boat Commodore has switched over to flounder fishing and reports good catches in the bay.

### ATLANTIC BEACH

Sy Rubin of Henning's Fishing Station reports the area around the Atlantic Beach Bridge is alive with striped bass. Sy said catches are averaging 8 to 10 fish, with weights averaging 5 to 8 lbs. Some fishermen return with as many as 40 fish, depending on their skill. On Saturday one lucky angler landed a bass of 41½ lbs. under the bridge. On Sunday, Scott Weiss landed a 29 lb. 2 oz. striper on a Red Fin lure from the Silver Point Jetty. Sy said blacks and flounders are also quite plentiful.

### JAMAICA BAY

Thelma Noehren of Noehren's Fishing Station reports snappers of good size are still plentiful. The North and South Channel Bridges are beginning to produce flounders. Also available from the South Channel Bridge are medium size porgies. These same porgies can also be caught by boat fishermen in the area of Silver Hole. Boat fishermen working Marine Bridge are being rewarded with good size blackfish. Mrs. Noehren said crabbers using traps continue to catch nice size blue claws.

### SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Capt. Rocky Becker of the Tampa IV said he has been finding excellent blue action this entire week in the areas of Seabright, N.J. and also at the Farms. Rocky said the fish are ranging in size from 8 to 20 lbs. and are averaging a hefty 10 lbs. Quite a few albacore are also being taken. Capt. Rocky said Friday's offshore trip yielded a fair catch of big tilefish.

Mike of Mike's Tackle reports all party boats in search of blues are having a picnic with jumbo blues. Porgies of substantial size are abundant at the Tin Can Grounds and other local hot spots. Mike said the bay is alive with small lafayettes and the kids are having a ball loading up on them.

Neil Lauro of the Stella Maris Fishing Station said blacks are beginning to show at local wrecks and also along the jetty. Blues of medium size are being trolled and jigged at Norton's Point. Neil knew of some bass catches made at the Round House on

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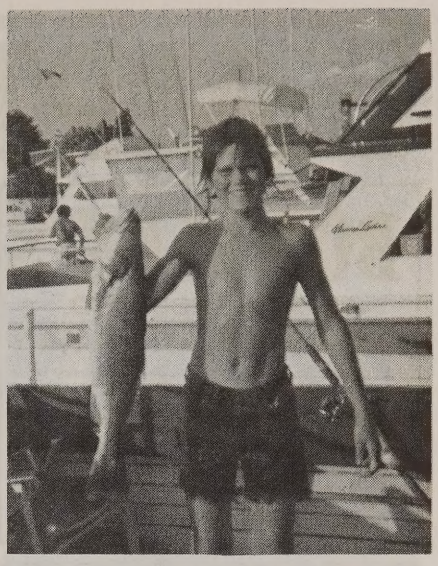

**John Loa, Jr., 13, holds a 7 lb. weak he caught trolling off Norton's Point on a red tube.**

trolled bucktails.

Harold Anderson of the Bay End Dock Rowboat Station reports porgy fishing is excellent inside the bay with small to medium sized porgies being taken at the Round House, Buoy #4 and Louie's Pier. Crabbing continues excellent on the Plum Beach flats. Harold reports blackfishing is improving on a daily basis.

### STATEN ISLAND

Lenny Killoran of Santo's Sport Shop reports the Staten Island area is loaded with spots. Snapper fishing is best in the area of Great Kills Harbor. Surf fishermen are having a picnic with night blues at South Beach and the Berger Ave. storm sewers, however, Lenny emphasizes that these fish are being caught strictly at night. The area of Fort Wadsworth and the old fish pier at South Beach have been yielding small stripers on worms on the incoming tide. Boatmen have been taking bass on tubes and worms at Hoffman and Swinbern Islands. Tubes are also producing stripers at Buoy #15-A and at West Bank Light.

### SANDY HOOK

Joe Julian of the Julian Bait Co. reports on Saturday Speedy Olski of Keyport, N.J., while fishing on the Loafer, landed a tuna of 400 lbs. in the area of the B.A. Buoy. Joe said blues are plentiful off Seabright and they are being chummed and trolled with bunker spoons with equal success. Trollers working the Jersey shore are also catching school stripers up to 12 lbs. on umbrella rigs.

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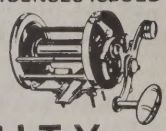

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# North Shore Report

## GREENPORT

Art White of the A.P. White Bait Shop reports the Brand X is slaughtering bluefish. There are plenty of fares aboard and everybody goes home satisfied with the bluefishing. Plum Gut, the Race and the east side of Gardiner's Island are all producing blues. The Wilhelric is doing very well on blackfish and porgies at their usual haunts. The blacks are coming on strong and they are larger. Tommy Wexler went out in the early morning and late evening in his boat to plug in and around Plum Island. He wound up with 40 striped bass, one of which went over 30 lbs. Porgies are hip deep around Gardiner's Island.

George Laub on the Striper II loaded up on blackfish and Capt. Bill Luke on the Luke also hit big on the blacks. Art said the biggest blackfishing season is now on.

## SOUTHOLD

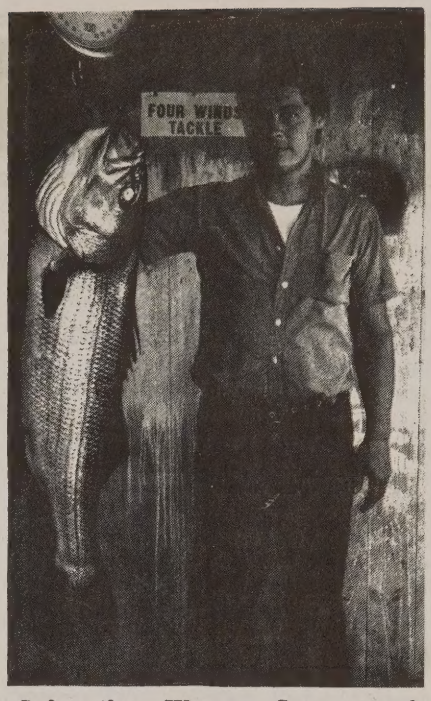
Peter Lieblein of the Port of Egypt Fishing Station reports very good blackfishing from the Orient Point Station at the lighthouse and Milford Point. At Southold the porgies are ar the Greenport Ferry, Brickyard and in the bay. Buoys 17 and 18 seem to be quiet. Flounders are between the fish traps and Orient Point. The flatties are not very big, just ¾ to 1 lb. Big porgies are at Petty's Bight and there are plenty of bluefish in Plum Gut and Pigeon's Rip.

## NEW SUFFOLK

Capt. Marty's Fishing Station reports the weaks are still with us along with the porgies. These fish can be found at Rose's Grove. Kingfish are also being caught along with the weaks.

## MOUNT SINAI HARBOR

Earl Dietrich of Queensland Cove Tackle reports that he had a customer fishing with 12 lb. test line and bunker chunks. This angler took a 38 lb. striped bass from the jetty at the Shoreham LILCO plant. August Furturro of Ridge, N.Y. took this striper on Sept. 29. Meanwhile, the blackfishing is coming on strong. Fiddler crabs are best. Snappers are still in the harbor. Blues and stripers are being caught along the beaches on




**Subscriber Warren Sprague of Commack with a 39 lb. 12 oz. bass which he trolled on red surgical tube off Target Rock in Huntington.**

bunker and mackerel chunks during both the early morning and evening hours. Earl made up a striper lure which one of his customers used at Montauk to bag three 40 lb. stripers. The angler came back for four more. Porgies are passing out while the flounders are just coming in. The flatties are small.

## PORT JEFFERSON

Capt. Joe Cash of the Port Jeff Ace reports the blackfish are now in strong at Old Field Point and Cranes Neck. The blacks are running in the 4-5 lb. range. Porgies are still running good and they are being caught along with the blacks.

The Caraftis Fishing Station reports there are big blackfish at Old Field Point. The porgies are moving out and there are just a few around. Jigging with a 4 oz. jig at Buoy 11 and with an 8 oz. jig at Middle Grounds is producing big bluefish. Try this fishing in the early morning. Close in to Cranes Neck, about a ¼ to ½ mile off, trollers are connecting with blues.

## NORTHPORT

The Chainlocker reports flounders are being caught off the dock, however, these fish are still a little small. The blues have been straying in and out of the harbor. The snappers have moved out.

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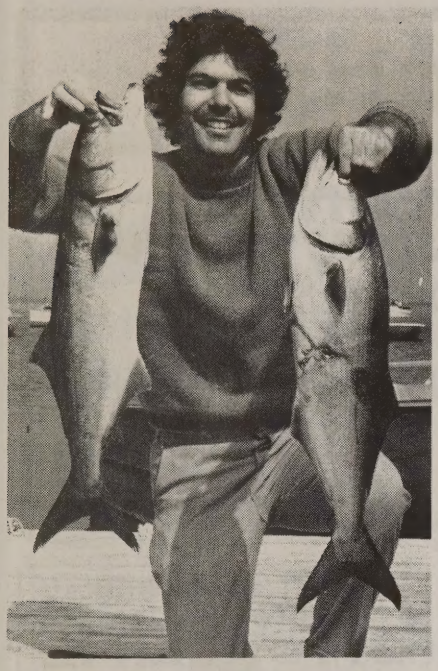

**Don Morris of Roslyn holds two blues, 11 and 13½ lbs., he took on skin plugs off Tappan Beach.**


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Mort Smith at the Larkfield Sports Center said the bass are pretty widespread from Callahan's Beach to Eaton's Neck. Both trolling and bunker fishing off the beach is doing well. Bluefish are being caught by drifting bunker off Centerport and Northport Harbors.

### HUNTINGTON

Capt. Don Constantin of the Ever Ready Fleet says that while the large porgy catches are down, there are good mixed bags of porgies, fluke, flounder and blacks being taken. Twenty fish fish per man is the average, with some fluke up to 3 lbs. included. A 4 lb. black was the biggest over the weekend.

### COLD SPRING HARBOR

Milt Powles at Veterans Fishing Station said the blues seem to have moved out but striped bass have taken their place. The Causeway is producing well for the clam belly fishermen while Whitewood Point is for the trollers and pluggers. Some of the bass caught have gone over 20 lbs. There are still plenty of porgies around and blackfishing is picking up.

### GLEN COVE

John Cacciola of the Glen Cove Sports Shop reports the blues have been off the foot of McLaughlin Street at the landing dock. They are taking bunker early in the morning. Blues up to 14 lbs. were caught in the shallow water. The Crescent Beach area also had large blues on bunker. Prybil Beach area is producing both bass and blues on bunker, spoons, plugs and just about everything. William Martino had two blues of 10 and 12½ lbs. at Prybil on Rebels cast from the beach. Bill also took a bunch of bass of which only three were of legal size. These fish were tagged and released. Snappers seem to have dwindled down to nothing.

### CITY ISLAND

John Palmieri of John's Gun & Tackle went out with his friends for blues and he says they are starting to drop off. The bass seem to be picking up. John and friends took seven around the New Rochelle-Harts Island area on John's own special trolling rig and sandworms. These fish were all of school size. All shorts were tagged and released. Zach Grossman's boat the Striper Hawk was used. John said porgies are being taken in quantity at Manhasset Bay. Blackfishing is on its up with more catches of larger fish being made. Bluefish catches seem to be best in the evening using bunker or mackerel bait.

## CONNECTICUT SCENE

**DICK ALLEY**

### WESTCHESTER

In New Rochelle, Freddy at Cameron's Fishing Station passes on word of a steadily increasing blackfish run. Porgies are all over the place and the bluefish picture, while dropping off, is still showing a few fish. Short bass have been hitting around Travers Island, a good time to begin the new scale sampling program, sponsored by the Striped Bass Fund. Kits should be available in a matter of days, but until then remember to scrape three scales from just below the indentation of the dorsal fin, measure the length and girth of the bass, and send this information to: Dr. C.P. Goodyear, Environmental Science Division, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37840. If you keep the fish, send 10 scales. Help determine the spawning and nursery areas of the striped bass. Help yourself.

Fred Archer at Mamaroneck Fishing Station reported an exceptional run of butterfish inside Mamaroneck Harbor. The big news, however, is excellent blackfishing around Scotch Caps and Larchmont breakwater. Fiddlers and clams are both catching fish. Bass here are slow, while bluefish are hitting better on the inside than beyond the harbor. Those butterfish have been popular as a bluefish bait, too.

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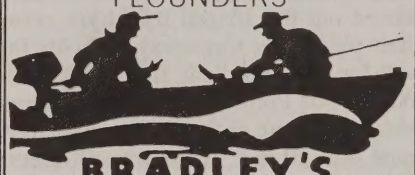

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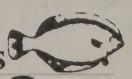

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**GREENWICH**

School bass are still hitting inside Greenwich Cove, with Vic Norton one of the regular scorers there. Bluefish are hitting well but it's strictly a bottom-scratching proposition, with bunker-dunkers and trolling specialists splitting about even on the total take. Flounders are still poor, but blackfish continue to increase daily, while porgies, too, stay around and fill the buckets of bottom fishermen.

John Minnitti, skipper of the Delmar, moored at the Showboat Inn just off the Connecticut Turnpike, predicts a great year for blackfish. Already the fish are averaging 4 to 6 lbs., and there's been no such thing as a bad day since they started feeding for fall.

**STAMFORD**

Pat Chirillo of Pat's Marina tells of many of his New Jersey customers coming in with a bushel of blacks. Blues are hitting bunker at Todds Point. Al Abajowski and Gene Karboski collected 27 in an afternoon at that spot. Porgies are fantastic, but snapper blues are on the way out. A few schools are still available on a hit or miss basis.

Jack at Jack's Sporting Goods tells of lots of small keeping size bass at Shippan Point and the Stamford Cows, trolling Smilin' Bill bucktails on wire. Porgies, too, are hitting well. Blues are hitting bunker around Pratts Cove and flounders are beginning to show a bit in this area.

**ROWAYTON**

Roy DeMague at the Bait Shop headed out with Jim Kingsbury on their evening off, found the bunkers and under them the bluefish just outside the river, and collected half-a-dozen braggin' size choppers up to 13½ lbs. There were also bluefish in the river on the way out. Bass are slow at the moment, but blacks and porgies are hitting very well.

**NORWALK**

Four nice stripers were weighed in at the South Norwalk Boat Club during the week, according to Hoppy Coombis. Live bunker and Sheffield Island was the combination for the following anglers and their fish: Tony Curatone took a pair of bass scaling 38 lbs. 9 ozs. and 37 lbs. 6 ozs. Gary Dillon scored with a 37 lb. 10 oz. lunker, and Bill Schmidt's striper weighed in at 36 lbs. 8 ozs. This pretty well tells the story of bass fishing in the Norwalk Islands right now.

Rita Utz at Four Winds Tackle has been finding the bluefish on the Connecticut side. They located them outside Cockenoe Island under the bunker schools, and the fish averaged 8 and 9 lbs. Porgies are bigger and more plentiful than ever, says Rita.

Gloria Borges at the Tackle Box tells of Bob Teuter of Pine Buch, N.Y. who did it again, that is he caught another triple of bass, 25, 39 and 37 lbs., tagged another three, and took a 9 lb. blue. Here's a real sportsman who consistently gets many big fish, but tags what he doesn't use. Gloria also tells us the blacks and porgies are still hitting well, and the first few flounder are showing up at the pier in Norwalk.

At Mola Bros. Bait & Tackle, Johnny pointed out that every so often there is a bad day at 11B or 24C, but for the most part, trollers are doing well. Porgies, stripers and blacks are also hitting well, and the season is far from over.

**WESTPORT**

Ed Boland at the Westport Tackle Shop continues to get good reports from Middleground Light and Buoy 11B off Eaton's Neck. In addition, bunker-dunkers have been scoring around Buoy 24 and Can #1 off the Westport shore. Beach activity has been almost nil for bluefish, with those anglers fishing bunker chunks reaping the best rewards. School bass are fairly plentiful, with most of the fish being caught after dark. The best part is that they're hitting plugs, and not too fussy about those either. Yours truly managed a couple of night trips this week, and took them on a variety of lures including the ½ oz. Tri Fin, the Alou Eelet, the Spin Atom, the mini Goo-Goo Eye and the Gibbs Polaris popper.

Porgies and blackfish are very plentiful off the Westport shore with good action at Sherwood Island State Park and Compo Beach.

Tom Duscio of the Theresa-L part boat out of Water Street, Norwalk, has been doing well on blacks and porgies. We ran into him off the Westport shore the other day and observed him with a crowd aboard, pulling porgies over the side in record numbers. Party boat fishing can only improve in the next few weeks.

**BRIDGEPORT**

Stowie at the Sportsman's Den told of a pickup in bacc activity around Charles Island and the mouth of the Housatonic River. A bass weighing 25

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lbs. 2 ozs. was caught at Laurel Beach in Milford on surgical tube by Mike Kapareiko of that city. Blues are further out for the most part, and they are going to trollers a mile or two off the Bridgeport shore.

At Ted's Bait & Tackle, Ray Leja weighed in a 38 lb. lunker bass, which he took on worms, we know not where. An 18½ lb. blue was caught by Ellis Rucker. His catch was credited to bunker and the place was Pleasure Beach.

### STRATFORD

Mrs. Fordham at Housatonic Marina reports a slowdown, but this situation could and should change by the time you read this. A few bass are being taken off the sand bars and every so often a school of blues will pop up under the Gun Club, but it just hasn't reached that steady fishing of yesteryear.

### NEW HAVEN

Frank Rea at Outdoor Sports reports good bluefishing locally in New Haven waters on mackerel and bunker, but at Six Mile Reef the choppers are ranging from 10 to 20 lbs. and the action is on top. Blacks are hitting and flounder are showing up in New Haven waters. Snappers are few, and bass are small. While most are keepers, those under 16 inches should be tossed back into the water after taking a scale sampling.

### WATERFORD

Walt Hillyer at Hillyer's Bait & Tackle reports good bass fishing along the shore for schoolies and some bigger

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fish. Weakfish have shown a sudden pickup as they head down from Rhode Island. Bluefishing is good but has been a little spotty for a couple of days at this writing. Many choppers of 12 and 14 lbs. are being caught. Blues are also up inside the Connecticut and Thames Rivers, as far as the communities of Essex and Norwich. Blackfish, flounder and porgy fishing are really good in this area, and a few snapper blues remain.

### OLD SAYBROOK

Russ Fleet writes that it's been a week for the record books in the Saybrook-Westbrook areas. Rimas Taruski of Old Saybrook scored heavily on live eels and big swimming plugs, his top fish weighing in at 51 lbs. 4 ozs. Hammonasett produced for the Frank Kiernan's, Jr. and Sr., who fished live bunker for several bass ranging from 20 to 42 lbs. Phil Wetmore took a 33 pounder off Westbrook. Clinton Harbor was the spot for big blues as they launched an invasion. Anglers came out the winners with 8 to 10 lb. fish for anyone who could cast a plug. Duck Island also is a bluefish hotspot.

### MYSTIC

Schaefer's Boat Livery in Mystic reports a steadily increasing flounder population, their main competition being the faster swimming porgies. Bluefish are still hot in the Race, with catches numbering in the hundreds a regularity. School bass are thick, and blacks are very good.

# NEW JERSEY

PETE BARRETT

### SANDY HOOK

Julian's Sport Shop reported good fishing in the Sandy Hook area for everything from spots to tuna. Striper action is on the upswing for trollers using bunker spoons and tubes while bunker dunkers are also hitting into bass up to 20 lbs. or better. Along the surf stripers are being taken on sandworms and plugs. Tuna have been hot and cold for chummers but a few monsters better than 200 lbs. have been reported although most are 30 to 70 lbs. Blue fishermen are at the Shrewsbury Rocks and the Farms with chumming still the most productive method. Bottom fishing is good for lafayettes, sand porgies and an occasional fluke. Snappers are plentiful.

### SEABRIGHT

Giglio's got the action they asked for

last week. Cooler nights brought a resurgence of bass action for the jetty jockies. Poppers like the Creek Chub and Polaris are catching stripers up to 20 lbs. and larger fish have been reported. "These fish are anywhere from the Wall to the Seabright bathing beach and the fishing has been real good," said Armand. Snappers and spots are pleasing the young anglers and provide sport in between the bass.

### LONG BRANCH

Monmouth Bait & Tackle reported a lot of bass being taken along the beach at dawn and dusk. Red Fins are the hot lures but poppers are taking stripers, too. Bass over 20 lbs. have been reported and it looks like the season is getting off to a good start. Snappers and spots are still abundant and the crabbing is holding steady.

Steven's Tackle told us of some fast striper action along the jetties. Steve reports that there are plenty of small 5 pounders and he has weighed in stripers over 15 lbs. The Long Beach Pier has seen some good bluefish action at night for choppers up to 14 lbs. Weakfish are best at dawn and are averaging 6 lbs. During the day there are still some fluke being caught and snappers up to 12 inches and lafayettes are plentiful.

## HUDSON RIVER

PETE BARRETT

### WAPPINGERS FALLS

Bass fishing is peaking at Wappingers Lake, according to the B & M Bait Shop. Biggest largemouth bass is Mike DeLion's 6½ pounder caught on a crawfish. George Crawford and Joe White each caught 4½ pounders on live bait.

### HOPEWELL JUNCTION

Joe's Bait & Tackle reported the snappers are everywhere. These little bluefish are hitting small spoons, cut bait and bloodworms. Stripers have also been reported but most fish are still small.

### NEWBURG

Ceely's Bait Bucket reports fishermen are catching blues and stripers near the Cornwall Yacht Club. A few of the bluefish are up to 3 lbs. and are being caught on Hopkins and Kastmaster spoons. Ray Ceely also reports the Wallkill River is alive with smallmouth bass hitting worms fished on spinners.

### CROTON ON HUDSON

The Croton Bait & Tackle Shop reported plenty of snapper blues and occasional larger bluefish up to 4 lbs. White perch, eels and lafayettes are available by the bucketful from Ceely's Bait Bucket. They also reported the Croton River is starting to produce again on smallmouth bass. One angler weighed in a 3 lb. 7 oz. smallmouth. Amawalk Reservoir produced a 4 lb. 8 oz. bass last week.

### LOWER HUDSON

Snapper blues, lafayettes, perch and eels are plentiful from Bayonne to Piermont. Stripers are hitting sandworms, popping plugs and bucktails at Robbins Reef, Yonkers and West New York although most catches average 5 to 6 lbs. Crabbing is good and tommy cod are just starting to show at the Interstate Park. The Outdoorsman Ltd. has also reported occasional catches of harbor blues at Bayonne and West New York.


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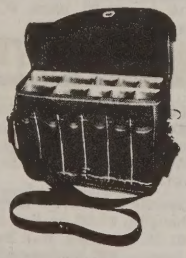

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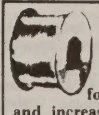

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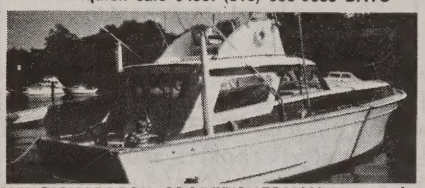

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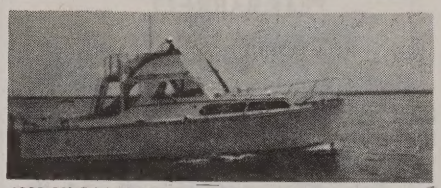

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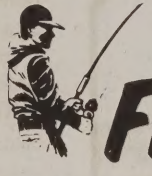

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**DIRTY PICTURE CONTEST**
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Honorable MentionCertificate

The Contest is sponsored by: The Suffolk County Department of Environmental Control and the American Lung Association of Nassau and Suffolk.

RULES:

1. Contest open to all amateur photographers residing in Suffolk County, except for employees of the Suffolk County Department of Environmental Control or their families.
2. A person may enter as many times as he wishes.
3. Two prints of each entry should be submitted. A paragraph describing the photograph and the name, address and telephone number of the photographer should be included on the back of the print.
4. Each entry should be mailed in a separate envelope or dropped off at Air Pollution Control, 1324 Motor Pkwy, Hauppauge, N.Y.
5. Deadline for submission is Oct. 20, 1973.
6. Winners will be announced on Oct. 29,1973
7. No photographs will be returned. All submissions will become the property of the Suffolk County Department of Environmental Control. Any publication will include credits to the photographer.

**HELP SOBA FIGHT POLLUTION**

Bring your Newspapers, Magazines, Rags and Aluminum for recycling to Pathmark Parking Lot Merrick Rd., Seaford on every third Saturday of each month from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. (Rain or shine). Collection days; Oct. 20th, Nov. 17th, Dec. 15th, Jan. 19th, Feb. 16th, March 16th, etc.

Proceeds are used to fund environmental projects sponsored by Save Our Bay's Ass'n.

**MOTORBOAT AND SNOWMOBILE REGISTRATION**

By an Act of the New York State Legislature, effective October 1, 1973.

1. Motorboat and Snowmobile registration services will be performed at District Office only of the Motor Vehicle Bureau.
2. The District Office for all of Long Island, at this time, is located at 1500 Privado Rd., Westbury, L.I. the number to call for information is: (516) 997-9800.
3. In the following counties the District Offices are:
   QUEENS —8901 Sutphin Blvd.
   KINGS — 333 Schermerhorn Street
   NEW YORK — 141 Worth Street
   BRONX — 2275 East Tremont Avenue.
   WESTCHESTER — 216 Central Avenue, White Plains
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   STATEN ISLAND — 450 St. Marks Place
4. The Education and Safety Section continue to administer the New York State Young Boatmen's Safety Course and Young Snowmobiler's Safety Course from the Melville, L.I. Office as before.

**NEW COAST GUARD BOATING SAFETY RULES**

Last week new Coast Guard regulations for personal floatation devices (PFDs) went into effect for all boats sixteen feet and longer. A life saving device that can be thrown overboard immediately to a person who falls overboard must be readily available at all times.

The new Coast Guard regulations also no longer permit boats sixteen to twenty-six feet to use buoyant cushions for PFDs. One wearable life jacket or vest for each person aboard is now required. Look for additional details on the new C. G. regulations in next week's L.I.F.


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# TIDE TABLES

## SOUTH SHORE Long Island

### SANDY HOOK STATION

| DAY | AM | PM |
|---|---|---|
| Thurs. | 7:42 | 8:05 |
| Fri. | 8:22 | 8:46 |
| Sat. | 9:03 | 9:29 |
| Sun. | 9:46 | 10:15 |
| Mon. | 10:35 | 11:09 |
| Tues. | 11:32 | |
| Wed. | 12:10 | 12:30 |
| Thurs. | 1:11 | 1:31 |

### on SANDY HOOK

| | |
|---|---|
| SHINNECOCK INLET | −0 50 |
| Shinnecock Bay | −1 25 |
| East Quogue | −2 45 |
| Shinnecock Canal | −1 18 |
| Indian Reservation | −3 05 |
| MORICHES INLET | −0 56 |
| Smith's Point | −3 28 |
| Harts Cove | −1 30 |
| Potunk Point | −3 35 |
| Mastic Beach | −3 28 |
| FIRE ISLAND INLET | −0 38 |
| (Inlet, Breakwater & Dem. Pt.) | −0 38 |
| Coast Guard Station | −0 19 |
| Fire Island Light | +0 47 |
| GREAT SOUTH BAY | |
| Sayville (Brown Creek) | −3 39 |
| Heckscher State Park | −3 20 |
| Bay Shore | −2 23 |
| Babylon | −2 12 |
| Amityville | −2 21 |
| JONES INLET | −0 19 |
| Loop Parkway Bridge | +0 25 |
| Zachs Bay | −1 25 |
| Seaford Harbor | −2 05 |
| Freeport Creek | +0 34 |
| EAST ROCKAWAY INLET | −0 06 |
| Long Beach Bridge | +0 19 |
| ROCKAWAY INLET | +0 00 |
| Beach Channel (Bridge) | +0 38 |
| JFK Airport | +0 26 |
| STATEN ISLAND | +0 27 |
| MANASQUAN | −0 12 |

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### EASTERN LONG ISLAND

### NEW LONDON STATION

| DAY | AM | PM |
|---|---|---|
| Thurs. | 9:09 | 9:34 |
| Fri. | 9:46 | 10:16 |
| Sat. | 10:27 | 11:01 |
| Sun. | 11:14 | 11:50 |
| Mon. | | 12:01 |
| Tues. | 12:43 | 12:57 |
| Wed. | 1:41 | 1:58 |
| Thurs. | 2:46 | 3:06 |

### on NEW LONDON

| | |
|---|---|
| Orient Point | −0 27 |
| Connecticut River | −1 10 |
| Little Gull Island (Race) | −0 12 |
| Greenport | +1 04 |
| Southold | +1 43 |
| New Suffolk | +2 26 |
| South Jamesport | +2 32 |
| Shinnecock Canal | +2 33 |
| Noyack Bay | +2 05 |
| Sag Harbor | +0 59 |
| Gardiners Bay | +0 21 |
| Promised Land (Napeague) | −0 14 |
| Fort Pond Bay | −0 29 |
| Montauk Inlet | −0 25 |
| Montauk Point | −1 13 |

The schedule of solunar periods for the following week as printed below has been taken from the original Knight Solunar Tables. Plan your day so that you will be fishing good territory, hunting good cover during these times if you wish to find the best sport that each has to offer. The tables are not a guarantee that you will catch fish or see game during the period, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour and a half or two hours thereafter, and are in black face type. The minor periods are somewhat shorter in duration.

| | A.M | | P.M. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Minor | Major | Minor | Major |
| Thurs. | 4:05 | **10:40** | 4:35 | **11:05** |
| Fri. | 4:50 | **11:25** | 5:20 | **11:55** |
| Sat. | 5:35 | | 6:10 | **12:25** |
| Sun. | 6:35 | **12:55** | 7:10 | **1:30** |
| Mon. | 7:45 | **2:00** | 8:10 | **2:35** |
| Tues. | 8:50 | **3:10** | 9:20 | **3:40** |
| Wed. | 9:55 | **4:15** | 10:25 | **4:45** |
| Thurs. | 11:00 | **5:20** | 11:30 | **5:50** |

## WESTERN Long Island Sound

### Long Island Sound
### WILLETS POINT STATION

| DAY | AM | PM |
|---|---|---|
| Thurs. | 11:01 | 11:27 |
| Fri. | 11:39 | |
| Sat. | 12:06 | 12:20 |
| Sun. | 12:51 | 1:05 |
| Mon. | 1:34 | 1:52 |
| Tues. | 2:26 | 2:45 |
| Wed. | 3:21 | 3:42 |
| Thurs. | 4:28 | 4:54 |

### on WILLETS POINT

| | |
|---|---|
| Little Neck Bay | −0 10 |
| Execution Light | −0 06 |
| Manhasset Bay | −0 01 |
| Hempstead Harbor | −0 11 |
| City Island | −0 03 |
| Rye Beach | −0 28 |

## Long Island SOUND

### Long Island Sound
### BRIDGEPORT STATION

| DAY | AM | PM |
|---|---|---|
| Thurs. | 11:11 | 11:34 |
| Fri. | 11:51 | |
| Sat. | 12:57 | 12:32 |
| Sun. | 1:00 | 1:16 |
| Mon. | 1:47 | 2:05 |
| Tues. | 2:38 | 2:58 |
| Wed. | 3:34 | 3:57 |
| Thurs. | 4:39 | 5:02 |

### on BRIDGEPORT

| | |
|---|---|
| Lloyd Point | −0 08 |
| Cold Spring Harbor | −0 08 |
| Bayville Bridge | −0 13 |
| Eatons Neck Point | −0 03 |
| Northport Bay | −0 03 |
| Norwalk Islands | −0 10 |
| Smithtown Bay | −0 03 |
| Cranes Neck Point | −0 05 |
| Port Jefferson Harbor | −0 03 |
| New Haven Harbor | −0 08 |
| Mount Sinai Harbor | −0 08 |
| Herod Point | −0 07 |
| Mattituck Inlet | −0 19 |
| Horton Point | −0 20 |
| Truman Beach | −0 42 |

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